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O R 241750Z FEB 78  
FM AMEMBASSY PARIS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7549  
INFO AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

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TAGS: EAIR, FR  
SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TWA'S PROBLEMS IN FRANCE

REF: PARIS 04834, STATE 36028

1. CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE (EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) TOLD CIVIL  
AIR ATTACHE FEBRUARY 24 FRENCH EMBASSY WASHINGTON WAS  
BEING INSTRUCTED TO ADVISE STATE DEPARTMENT GOF WOULD  
BE WILLING TO EXTEND TWA'S GENEVA-NICE BLIND SECTOR  
RIGHTS IF USG WOULD GRANT AIR FRANCE SIMILAR RIGHTS  
BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND MEXICO.

2. SHE ALSO ADVISED US THE TWA'S FIFTH FREEDOM  
OPERATIONS BETWEEN PARIS AND CAIRO, ROME AND TEL AVIV  
HAVE BECOME TOO IMPORTANT AND ARE CUTTING INTO AIR  
FRANCE'S THIRD/FORTH FREEDOM OPERATIONS INVOLVING  
THOSE POINTS. IN THE FRENCH VIEW TWA'S FIFTH FREEDOM  
FLIGHTS DO NOT CONFORM TO SECTION IV, PARAGRAPHS  
B AND D, OF THE ANNEX TO THE 1946 AGREEMENT. ISSUE  
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HAS ARISEN IN THE CONTEXT OF THE SCHEDULES TWA FILED  
JANUARY 26 FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING APRIL 1. FRENCH  
EMBASSY WASHINTON WILL ASK USG TO OBTAIN FROM TWA  
STATISTICAL DATA RE THESE OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD  
SINCE APRIL 1977 AND FORECASTS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING  
APRIL 1978.

COMMENT: WE SUSPECT THE VALUE OF WASHINGTON-MEXICO  
BLIND SECTOR RIGHTS FOR AIR FRANCE IS CONSIDERABLY IN  
EXCESS OF THE VALUE OF TWA'S GENEVA-NICE RIGHTS, BUT  
AT LEAST WE HAVE A POSITIVE RESPONSE TO OUR OVERTURE  
AND THUS A BASIS FOR BARGAINING. HOWEVER, THE QUESTION-  
ING OF TWA'S FIFTH FREEDOM OPERATIONS BEYOND PARIS MAY  
BE THE MORE SIGNIFICANT ISSUE AND PROBABLY REPRESENTS  
A DELIBERATE FRENCH EFFORT TO UNDERCUT ONE OF THE  
TRADITIONAL BASES OF U.S. INTERNATIONAL AIR OPERATIONS  
IN EUROPE. WE WERE UNABLE TO GET FROM CLAUDE-LA-  
FONTAINE A DETAILED SCENARIO OF HOW THE GOF PLANS TO  
ACT WITH RESPECT TO THE FIFTH FREEDOM QUESTION, BUT  
WE SUSPECT DGAC APPROVAL OF TWA'S SUMMER SCHEDULES  
(AT LEAST BEYOND PARIS) MAY BE HELD IN ABEYANCE  
PENDING RECEIPT OF THE STATISTICAL DATA AND DISCUSSION  
WITH THE USG. THUS THE FRENCH MAY PRECIPITATE OVERALL  
CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US FASTER THAN WE MAY  
HAVE WISHED.  
GAMMON

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